(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that prices of imported drugs were required to be fixed in accordance with an approved formula;

(d) if so, what art details of the formula;

(e) whether it is a fact that difference between pooled price and the retention price of imported drugs was to be considered in fixing pooled prices during the subsequent period;

(f) what are the details of periods during which the pooled prices were not changed and what are the names of those drugs; and

(g) what was the total amount that remained with IDPL as surplus as a result of no change in pooled price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) and (b) The Cabinet decision of April, 1970 envisaged that in respect of items which are manufactured by M/s. IDPL to a limited extent, sufficient imports to meet the country's requirement should be made by M/s. STC, than State Chemicals and Petro-chemicals Corpotion of India Ltd., and a pooled price of the indigenous and imported stocks should be operated by the IDPL.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (g) The required details to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Production of bulk drugs by IDPL

1489. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs produced by IDPL which were under price control under DPCO, 1979 and were exempted from price control under DPCO, 1987;

(b) what was the price of each drug under DPCO, 1979 and what is the present price and what is the percentage difference in each;

(c) what was the production of each of these drugs during the last three years, yearwise;

(d) whether it is a fact that IDPL imported certain price decontrolled drugs;

(e) if so, what are the names of these drugs, quantity imported during the last three years, year-wise alongwith CIF value of each; and

(f) whether any quantity of these bulk drugs was sold, if so, at what price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) to (f) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Flood waters in Assam oilfields

1490. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether oilfields in Assam were recently submerged in flood waters; and

(b) if so, what are the details of losses suffered as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There was a loss of production of 2045 KLs of oil during the floods in July, 1989. Drilling and workover operations were also affected.

Safety measures in Bangalore LPG Bottling Plants

1491. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the safety norms have been flouted in setting up of the two LPG bottling plants in Bangalore;

(b) whether the detailed project reports for setting up of these two bottling plants were prepared and approved only after the commissioning of the plants in 1982; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken so far to provide safety norms in these plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) While the Detailed Project Report of Indian Oil Corporation's bottling plant at Bangalore was prepared before commissioning of the plant, the same was approved after commissioning of the plant. However, in case of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation's bottling plant, the Detailed Project Report was prepared and approved before commissioning of the plant.

(c) All safety norms as per mandatory requirements and as laid down in the Indian Explosives Act have been complied with and are being followed. All international safety standards have also been regidly observed.

Delay in LPG supply by M/s. Arjun Enterprises, Munirka, New Delhi

1492. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that LPG refills are generally supplied very late by M/s. Arjun Enterprises, Munirka, New Delhi and the consumers have to wait for quite some time;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the number of complaints received against the above distributor on this count since January, 1988 till date;

(d) what action has been taken on such complaints;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Indian Oil Corporation management instead of taking any action against the distributor advises the consumers to change the distributorship; and

(f) if so, what effective steps Government propose to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) During the period from January, 1988 to 1st July, 1989 six complaints regarding delay in refill supplies were received against this distributorship.

(d) to (f) All complaints against the distributorship have been investigated in accordance with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines and the distributor has been suitably cautioned to improve the working of the distributorship. Under the delinking scheme, the request of one customer for change of distributorship has been agreed to.

Production of basic building blocks

1493. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has called for the creation of additional new capacitits for production of basic building blocks like ethylene, propylene etc., to meet the growing demand for petrochemicals;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the capacities of the basic building blocks in the country; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

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